

First United Methodist Church August 14th & 15th, 2021



*Worship: 5:00 pm on Saturdays in the Chapel
10:00 am on Sundays in the Sanctuary*

*202 S Peoria Ave
Dixon, IL 61021*

Services online at: www.fumcdixon.org - Facebook: First United Methodist Church in Dixon IL

*Our mission is making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation
of the world by faithfully uplifting the message of Christ*

Prelude

Special Music:

"Steal Away"

Men's Trio

Greeting

* Call to Worship

L: Give thanks to God!

P: We thank God for joy, for laughter, for abundant blessings of every kind.

L: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything!

P: We thank God, when we can and as we can, for struggles, for solitude, for fears.

L: Give thanks to God at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: We thank God that, in Christ, our joys as well as our pain, our losses as well as our laughter, are in God's heart and hands.

Opening Prayer: (Unison)

Lord God, I would prefer to be left leaning against the wall, shuffling my two left feet, watching the world twirl by; but you take me by the hand to teach me the dance steps of grace. When I walk near the piano, it shudders, hoping I will not sit down; but you take my fingers and place them on the keys, whispering, "play, play with joy, play!" Even with the biggest bucket, I can't carry a tune; but you push me out onto the stage, introducing me as the new soloist in the Good News Choir. I will celebrate your joy, sing your hope, play your love, leaping and whirling in your grace forever! I will praise you forever! In the name of Your greatest joy, Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen

Special Music

"All Hail the Power Jesus' Name"

Men's Trio

Baptism of Molly Marie Schmidt

Parents: Kevin and Erin Schmidt

Grandparents: Toni and Mike Fassig, Meg and Ray Schmidt:

Godparents: Karla Dickson and Matthew Stewart

Baptismal Song

"God Claims You"

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**Molly, Molly,
God claims you,
God helps you, protects you,
and loves you, too. *repeat***

**We this day
do all agree
a child of God
you'll always be.**

**Molly, Molly
God claims you,
God helps you, protects you,
and loves you, too. *repeat***

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. ¹⁸ Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, ¹⁹ singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. ²⁰ And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message

Giving Thanks

Pastor Tim Mitchell

Hymn of Response

"Give Thanks"

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Congregational Prayers

Telling of God's Activity and sharing Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)

Almighty Giver of All Good Gifts: Grow in us the wisdom to know that all we have to give is in our hands only because you have given to us first. Remind us that you have called us in Christ to be gentle, patient, and loving – and at one with your children everywhere. May the gifts we have been given and the gifts we share reflect the debt of our gratitude for your many blessings. We pray this in the holy name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

***Hymn of Going Forth:**

"Take Time to Be Holy"

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***Sending**

***Postlude**

Credits for Liturgy: Pastor Tim, Discipleship Ministries, and Nancy Burnett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers: Katie Kromeke (Willey), Gary Pierce, Farrell Wright, Ben Bryson (grandson of Jessie Marie and Dick Dir), Corinne Hunsberger, Norm Krug, Denny Arjes, Dalton Smith, Marilyn Millin (Pat Fox's sister), Glenn Kersten, Linda Heckert, Cindy Bennett, Jackie Krager (Janet Shaw's mother), Ereka H., Hiram Ludwig

Our adult Sunday class that formally met in the Ruth Room will now meet in the Parlor beginning on September 5 at 8:30. We will be studying the book "Exodus: Learning to Trust God." Everyone is welcome.

Choir returning!!! Invitation for singers to join the Chancel Choir which rehearses every Wednesday 7:30-8:30 starting on August 18th. The Bell Choir will be rehearsing every Wednesday 6-7 starting August 18th. If you are interested in joining please come to rehearsal and if you have any questions please contact Tommy Whitcombe.

Our church is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels September 13-17 and September 20-24. We need volunteers to cover four routes each day with two people per route. I have contact information for those of you who have helped before but, if you have not been part of this ministry and would like to, please call or text Sue Stach at 815-535-7996 or email her at kevin@sue@comcast.net. Thank you! Sue

Reminder: new protocols are being put in place due to St. Anne's using the church for at least the first part of the school year. If you have questions on what protocols are being put in place, please feel free to contact Melissa, Pastor Tim or Pastor Young Sun.

PRAYERS FOR STUDENTS (2021-2022)

If you would like prayers for a student for the 2021-2022 school year; please email the information to dixon1stsecretary@yahoo.com or printout this information and return it to the church on or before September 5, 2021. We will make sure that the student's name is distributed to a member of our congregation who will pray for them this school year. Please provide the following information for each child you would like to be covered in prayer.

Student's Name

GRADE level in 2021-22: Preschool K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
College

Person submitting student's name and relationship to child (parent, grandparent, other relative, friend, etc.)

RECEIVE A STUDENT NAME TO PRAY FOR:

If you are interested in praying for one of these students throughout the year please provide your name and email address or mailing address to dixon1stsecretary@yahoo.com or bring this info to the church on or before September 5, 2021.

Name

Email address or mailing address

The prayer team will provide to you a student's name along with a prayer card shortly after September 8, 2021.

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God"
Philippians 4:6



Cramer's 80th

*Happy
anniversary*



Leslie's 60th



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Weekly Bible Reading Dixon First Reads Together

August 14th—15th Week 6: Giving Thanks

Ephesians 5:15-20

Keep reading the bible....it is reader's choice